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TEHRAN FOR SOBER, WHITE AND NEWBERRY

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SUBJ: PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM - DIVISION OF DEBT WITH BANGLADESH

REF: ISLAMABAD 3109

SUMMARY: MISSION REVIEWS IMPASSE ON DEBT DIVISION AND SUGGESTS POSSIBLE PROPOSAL WHICH MIGHT BE SUGGESTED TO IBRD. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION RECOMMENDS WASHINGTON INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH IBRD. END SUMMARY

1. IN REFTEL WE REPORTED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN ISLAM SUGGESTION THAT IBRD PUT FORWARD QUOTE STATESMAN- LIKE PROPOSAL UNQUOTE WHICH WOULD SATISFY BASIC CONCERNS OF BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN AND DONORS, AND PERMIT AID TO CONTINUE TO FLOW DURING COMING YEAR, SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AND IBRD REP PICHLER LEAD US TO CONCLUSION THAT PAKISTAN IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED TO FIND A FORMULA WHICH MEETS THEIR POLITICAL IMPERATIVES AND YET WHICH WILL PERMIT CONTINUING AID FLOW.

2. WE SEE RESPECTIVE POSITION OF PARTIES ABOUT AS FOLLOWS:

A. PAKISTAN: GOP POLITICALLY COMMITTED TO DIVISION OF
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DEBT RESPONSIBILITY AFTER JUNE 30, 1973. IN PARIS MEETING, GOP ACHIEVED AN IMPORTANT GOAL IN GAINING AGREEMENT FROM DONORS TO PRINCIPLE THAT BANGLADESH SHOULD PICK UP RESPONSIBILITY FOR PORTION OF DEBT. HAVING ACHIEVED THIS, WE JUDGE THAT PAKISTAN MIGHT RELUCTANTLY AGREE TO CARRYING ON LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EAST PAKISTAN DEBT FOR ANOTHER PERIOD OF PERHAPS ONE YEAR PROVIDED IT CAN TELL THE PUBLIC THAT THIS EXTENSION DOES NOT INVOLVE ACT 8. DR. VICTORIO V. OLGUIN (ARGENTINA).

THIS SLATE WILL GIVE A GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE, MAINTAIN ON THE BOARD A NUMBER OF EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT BOARD MEMBERS FOR DESIRABLE CONTINUITY, AND ALSO ADD SEVERAL NEW, YOUNGER MEMBERS WHO HAVE BACKGROUNDS IN DIPLOMACY AND ADMINISTRATION AND WHO COULD SUPPLY THE MORE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP WHICH THE BOARD NEEDS FOR MORE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF ITS FUNCTIONS UNDER THE TREATIES.

4. A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO ASSURE THE ELECTION OF THE US CANDIDATE, MR. POLLNER AND THE DELEGATION SHOULD USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

DECONTROL FOLLOWING JUNE 1, 1973. ROGERS

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